GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
LOK SABHA

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Disposal of Seized Drugs
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has laid down guidelines/procedures for storing and destroying various types of seized drugs including Brown Sugar, Charas, Smack Heroin, Ganja, Opium, Cocaine etc.;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the quantity of such drugs seized during each of the last three years and the current year; and

(d) the manner in which the drugs were disposed off ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE:
SHRI JAYANT SINHA

(a) & (b) The Narcotics Control Bureau, which is the coordinating agency for all the law enforcement agencies under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 (61 of 1985), has issued Standing Order No.2/88 dated 11.04.1988 outlining the procedures for storage of substances seized under the said Act. Further, having regard to the hazardous nature, vulnerability to theft, substitution, and constraints of proper storage space, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 52A of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985, (61 of 1985) the Central Government has issued notification No. G.S.R. 38 (E) dated 16.01.2015, specifying the narcotic drugs, psychotropic substances, controlled substances and conveyances which shall, as soon as may be after their seizure, be disposed of, the officers who shall dispose them of and the manner of their disposal.

(c) Quantity of drugs seized during 2012 − 2015 is as under:-

S No. Drug Quantity of drug seized (in Kgs)

2012 2013 2014 2015(till Oct.)

1 Opium 3625 2333 1766 853
2 Morphine 263 07 25 58
3 Heroin 1033 1450 1371 758
4 Ganja 77149 91792 108300 70159
5 Hashish 3385 4407 2280 2248
6 Cocaine 44 47 15 51
7 Methaqualone 216 3205 54 88
8 Ephedrine 4393 6655 1330 47
9 Acetic Anhydride 363 243 54 04
10 ATS 40 85 196 136

(d) A number of agencies of both Central Government and State Governments have been empowered to enforce the provisions of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985, (61 of 1985), who takes action for disposal of the seized materials as per the procedures outlined in the aforesaid notification issued under Section 52A of the said Act.